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In re Application of Aggidis et al. Application No. 10/784,544 Filed: February 23, 2004 Attorney Docket No. 04-40092-US

DECISION REFUSING STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition filed December 20, 2004, under 37 CFR. §1.47(a).

The petition under 37 CFR. §1.47(a) is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR. §1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply <u>may</u> include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **Failure to respond will result in abandonment of the application**. Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR. §1.136(a).

The above-identified application was filed on February 23, 2004, without an executed oath or declaration. Accordingly, on May 18, 2004, applicant was mailed a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Granted," requiring for the purposes of this decision an executed oath or declaration in compliance with §1.63, and a surcharge for its late filing. This Notice set an extendable two-month period for reply of July 18, 2004.

In reply, applicant filed a petition, the surcharge for late filing of the declaration, and a partially executed declaration. To make the reply timely, a five (5) month extension of time was also submitted.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR. §1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor. The instant petition does not satisfy requirements (1).

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As to item (1), Rule 47 applicant has failed to show that inventor Aggidis was ever presented with a copy of the application papers. Before a refusal can be alleged, applicant must demonstrate a bona fide attempt was made to present a copy of application papers (specification, including claims, drawings, and oath or declaration) to the non-signing inventor. See MPEP 409.03(d). The petition indicates only the declaration and power attorney were presented. Further petitioner states efforts have been made by Gilbert Gilkes & Gordon Limited as well as the UK attorney to obtain inventor Aggidis signature but Aggidis maintained his refusal. On renewed petition, petitioner should state what efforts were made and identify what manner the refusal was conveyed.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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